

Introduction

Yazoo, Panther Swamp, Hillside, Morgan and Mathews Brake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) make up the Yazoo NWR Complex. All but Yazoo NWR lie along the Yazoo River south of Greenwood, Mississippi. Begun in 1936 with the purchase of 2,166 acres under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act, Yazoo has grown to today's complex of five refuges consisting of over 75,000 acres of bottomland hardwoods, cypress—tupelo brakes, forested uplands, sloughs and agricultural lands.

General Fishing Regulations

Panther Swamp, Hillside, Morgan Brake and Mathews Brake NWR's are open to fishing and frogging subject to designated areas and times. Consult refuge specific information in this brochure. Yazoo NWR is closed to fishing.

Common game fish species in refuge waters include largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill and catfish. Rough fish including gar, bowfin (grinnel), buffalo and carp are also common. Best fishing occurs in spring, summer and fall.

A \$12.00 permit is required for fishing and frogging. Contact Yazoo NWR for permits.

Firearms are prohibited.

Frogging is permitted during State bullfrog season. (Firearms not allowed.)

Boats left unattended for more than 72 hours will be considered abandoned and will be confiscated.

U.S. Coast Guard and State regulations apply.

Littering in any form is prohibited.

(Permits will be revoked for littering in addition to prosecution.)

Panther Swamp NWR

Hillside NWR

Mathews Brake NWR

Morgan Brake NWR

Yazoo NWR

Fires are prohibited.

Camping is prohibited.

All commercial activities, including fishing, are prohibited.

ATVs are prohibited except as allowed in the hunt brochure.

Parked vehicles must not obstruct any portion of a boat landing, road, gate, turnrow, or field access ramp and must not obstruct the flow of traffic, to include farm equipment.

Fishing from bridges is prohibited except for the wooden bridge at Stricklin's access on Panther Swamp.

Possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited while fishing.

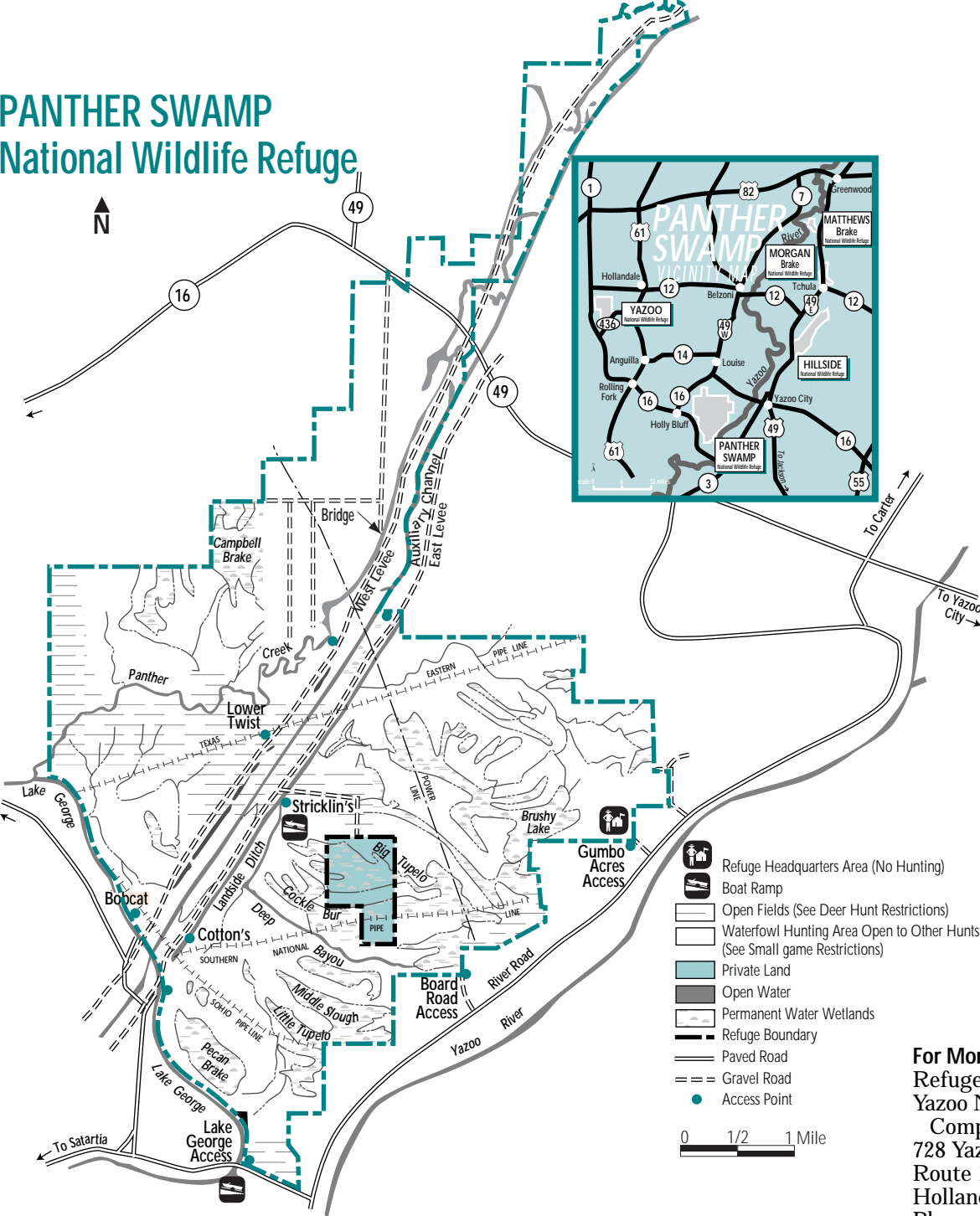
The Auxiliary Channel and borrow ponds between the East and West levee ONLY, are open year round. All other refuge waters are open from March 1— November 15. Trotlines and limb lines are permitted on Lake George, Laneside Ditch, and the Auxiliary Channel only.

The borrow ponds along the north levee are open year round except during the December muzzleloader deer hunt. The remainder of Hillside's waters are open from March 1— November 15.

All refuge waters are open except for the waterfowl sanctuary which is closed from December 1—March 15.

Only refuge waters north of Providence Road are open. Closed during the December muzzleloader deer hunt.

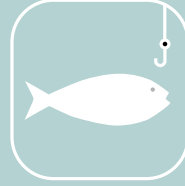
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